

Lake County Illinois

Meeting held by Video Conference

Physical Location:

18 N County Street (10th Floor), Waukegan, IL 60085



Meeting Minutes - Final

Friday, November 5, 2021

11:00 AM

Meeting held by video conference. The public can register to attend remotely at <https://bit.ly/3bFdxbm>

**F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic
Recovery and Investment**

Pursuant to Section 7(e) of the Illinois Open Meetings Act, the current Gubernatorial Disaster Proclamation, and the Chair's Written Determination, this meeting will be held by audio and video conference.

PUBLIC ATTENDANCE: The public can attend Lake County Committee and Board meetings (two options): (1) remote / virtual attendance through registration at the link on the front page of this agenda, or (2) in-person attendance (to view the virtual meeting on the 10th Floor of the County Administrative Tower, 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois.)

RECORDING: Meetings, to include Public Comment, will be recorded.

PUBLIC COMMENT: The public will be afforded time to comment on matters related to the business of the County Board. A total of 30 minutes will be permitted for Public Comment and no more than three minutes per Comment. In general, Public Comment on items not on the agenda will be presented near the beginning of the meeting. Public Comment on agenda items may be presented during consideration of that item. Individuals attending in-person or remotely may present their Public Comment during the meeting. Individuals not in attendance may provide written Public Comment that must be received by 3:00 p.m. the day prior to the meeting (emailed to PublicComment@Lakecountyil.gov or delivered to the County Board Office 18 N. County Street, Waukegan, Illinois (10th floor)).

Public Comment will proceed in the following order: (1) Public Comment by individuals who are attending remotely / virtually, (2) Public Comment by individuals in attendance on the 10th Floor, and then (3) written comments.

Individuals providing Public Comment will provide the following information:

- * Meeting: F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery (Subject line for written Public Comment)
- * Name (REQUIRED)
- * Topic or Agenda Item # (REQUIRED)
- * Street Address, City, State (Optional)
- * Phone Number (Optional)
- * Organization/Agency/etc. Represented (If representing yourself, put "Self")

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Chair's determination of need to meet by audio or video conference.

Attachments: [Determination - Chair Hart 7.30.21\[379\]](#)

1. **Call to Order**

Chair Frank called the meeting to order at 11:26 a.m.

2. **Pledge of Allegiance**

Chair Frank dispensed with the recital of the Pledge of Allegiance, as it was said at the Committee of the Whole meeting that took place prior to this Committee meeting.

3. **Roll Call of Members**

Present 5 - Member Frank, Member Clark, Member Pedersen, Member Danforth and Member Vealitzek

**Electronic Attendance: All Members*

Other Attendees:

Kurt Woolford, Stormwater Management

Cassandra Hiller, County Administrator's Office

Brenda O'Connell, Planning Building and Development

J. Kevin Hunter, County Board

Catherine Sbarra, County Board

Julie Simpson, County Board

Matt Meyers, County Administrator's Office

Jim Hawkins, County Administrator's Office

Patrice Sutton, Finance and Administrative Services

Abby Scalf, Communications

Ann Maine, County Board

Sandy Hart, County Board

Carissa Casbon, County Board

Gina Roberts, County Board

Eric Waggoner, Planning, Building and Development

John Wasik, County Board

Marah Altenberg, County Board

Mary Ross Cunningham, County Board

Gary Gibson, County Administrator's Office

Kristy Cechini, County Board Office

Sydney Dawson, County Board Office

Janna Philipp, County Administrator's Office

John Light, Human Resources

Jamie Helton, State's Attorney's Office

Holly Kim, Treasurer
Ruby Acosta, Finance and Administrative Services
Brenda O'Connell, Planning, Building and Development
Ashley Rack, Sheriff's Office
Dominic Strezo, Planning, Building and Development
Irshad Khan, Finance and Construction Services
Mick Zawislak, Daily Herald
Chris Blanding, Enterprise Information Technology
Larry Mackey, Health Department
Steve Spagnolo, State's Attorney's Office
Arnold Donato, Stormwater Management
John Christian, Public
Michael Wheeler, Finance and Administrative Services
Sharmila Manak, State's Attorney's Office
Eric Rinehart, Lake County State's Attorney
Lawrence Oliver, Sheriff's Office
Kevin Considine, Planning, Building and Development
Jim Chamernik, Sheriff's Office
Daniel Eder, Lake County EMA
Joy Gossman, Public Defender
Shane Schneider, Division of Transportation
Darcy Adcock, Human Resources
Jefferson McMillan-Wilhoit, Health Department
Melissa Gallagher, Finance and Administrative Services
Teri White, State's Attorney's Office
Melanie Nelson, State's Attorney's Office
Karen Fox, State's Attorney's Office
Joel Sensenig, Public Works
Katrina Hanna, Public Works
Jennifer Serino, Workforce Development
Jeremiah Varco, Facilities and Construction Services
John Idleburg, Sheriff's Office
Mary Crain, Division of Transportation
Al Giertych, Division of Transportation
Chris Covelli, Sheriff's Office
RuthAnne Hall, Purchasing

4. Addenda to the Agenda

There were no additions or amendments to the agenda.

5. Public Comment (Items not on the agenda)

There were no public comments.

6. Chair's Remarks

Chair Frank noted that an additional F&A Special Committee meeting regarding the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) is scheduled for November 19, 2021.

7. Unfinished Business

There was no unfinished business to discuss.

8. New Business

CONSENT AGENDA (Item 8.1)

8.1 [21-1802](#)

Minutes from October 15, 2021 meeting

Approval of Minutes

A motion was made by Member Clark, seconded by Member Vealitzek, that the minutes from October 15, 2021 be approved. Motion carried by the following roll call vote:

Aye: 4 - Member Frank, Member Clark, Member Pedersen and Member Vealitzek

Not Present: 1 - Member Danforth

REGULAR AGENDA (Items: 8.2 - 8.4)

8.2 [21-1803](#)

Response and Recovery Coordination Committee update.

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, presented an overview of how to cover projects with the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funds.

Eric Waggoner, Director, Planning, Building & Development, and Brenda O'Connell, Planning, Building & Development presented a Task Force update on household assistance. Discussion ensued.

The Committee gave staff direction to research available affordable housing resources in Lake County.

8.3 [21-1804](#)

Discussion on Strategy.

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, reviewed the strategic guidance that County administration and staff have been working under, with respect to the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) funding. The Committee will hear from each of the five planning teams (Public Health, Economic and Business Investment, Household Assistance, Infrastructure and Capital Investment, and Investment in County Operations) in upcoming meetings.

Discussion ensued.

(Member Danforth entered the meeting at 12:08 p.m.)

The Committee's consensus was to begin making decisions regarding the various categories of ARPA spending and to put guidelines on funding requests at the next Committee meeting.

8.4 [21-1805](#)

Review and guidance on County office / department requests for funding.

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, provided a summary list of possible items to be funded that were discussed during the budget process.

Discussion ensued.

9. County Administrator's Report

Jim Hawkins, Deputy County Administrator, restated action items from the meeting.

10. Executive Session

The Committee did not enter into Executive Session.

11. Members' Remarks

Member Vealitzek thanked staff for their hard work.

12. Adjournment

Chair Frank adjourned the meeting at 12:55 p.m.

Next Meeting: November 19, 2021

Meeting minutes prepared by Sydney Dawson & Theresa Glatzhofer.

Respectfully submitted,

Chair, F&A Special Committee on COVID-19 Pandemic Recovery and Investment